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December 12, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of LightSquared's License Modification Application. I have written to you in the past concerning LightSquared, and as I have noted previously, my senate district in southeast Missouri does not have many options for mobile broadband access. I believe that LightSquared could change that. I strongly urge you to grant the company's request to modify its license.

I think it's admirable that LightSquared has offered to give up its rights to terrestrial use of its spectrum out of concern for interference issues with GPS devices. Now, as I understand it, GPS receivers will have a sizeable buffer zone to protect from any outside interference.

In exchange, LightSquared is asking for the opportunity to co-exist with the federal government on alternate spectrum so that it can launch its network. There should be ample justification for the FCC to allow LightSquared to enter into a spectrum sharing agreement with the federal government. Sharing will go a long way to making efficient use of our very scarce spectrum resources. As we're not making any more of it, if sharing spectrum means that rural communities like mine get quicker access to a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network, then please move with haste. The constituents that I, and ultimately you serve, are long overdue.

Chairman Genachowski  
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I am grateful for your time and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert N. Mayer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "M".

Senator Robert N. Mayer  
President Pro Tem  
Missouri District 25

cc: US Senator Blunt  
US Senator Claire McCaskill